Worshippers Gather in Beacon Hill Dawn

Silhouetted against an Easter sunrise, part of about 400 worshippers gather in Beacon Hill Park for annual Sunrise Service sponsored by Victoria Camp of the Gideons.—(Photo by William A. Boucher)

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Easter Sunday Throngs

Weather Co-operates With Worshippers

Thousands of Victorians, most of them in family groups, thronged to churches of the district Sunday to worship on the anniversary of one of Christendom's greatest Holy Days.

In almost every flower-bedecked church sidesmen and ushers found it necessary to install extra benches and chairs for their big Easter congregations.

The weather co-operated; the day's high winds and showers held off until morning services had been completed.

The sun was bright for about 400 persons who attended the 16th annual Sunrise Service, under auspices of Victoria Camp of the Gideons, held in Beacon Hill Park.

Service was conducted by Rev. F. E. H. James of Metropolitan United Church, with music provided by the Citadel Band of the Salvation Army.

Many churches had family services at 9.30 a.m. prior to regular services at 11 a.m. — and were crowded at both.

Indicative of the numbers flocking to church were reports from Christ Church Cathedral. Most Rev. Harold E. Sexton, Archbishop of British Columbia, administered communion to 1,340 parishioners at hourly services beginning at 6 a.m., then had an estimated 1,500 fill the Cathedral for regular service at 11 a.m.

Letters 'Thrill' David

The mother of 19-year-old David Harvey, who 13 days ago underwent a "risky and delicate" brain operation in Vancouver, said yesterday that her son "was thrilled and happy" at the many letters of encouragement he has received from friends and strangers alike.

"He has read them five times," said Mrs. Ted Harvey, 1817 Quadra, who appealed before the operation for letters or postcards for her son from people his own age.

Although David is better, "he is suffering too much to reply to the letters, but he certainly does appreciate them," she said.

He is expected to remain in hospital "a long time yet."

Car Looted Near Church

A Victoria thief took advantage of Easter Sunday church services to loot a parked car.

Mrs. Robert Dewhurst, 611 Fernhill, reported to city police that when she returned from church to her car, parked in the 900 block Balmoral, she found a vent window broken.

Stolen were an $80 cheque, $14 in cash, her purse, wallet, driver's licence, bank book, credit cards, sun glasses and personal papers.

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Village Hall, Jail Destroyed

Savage Fires Kill Four

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP)—Two savage Easter holiday fires took the lives of a mother and three of her children at Magdalen Islands, Que., and wiped out a nine-building block in Souris, P.E.I.

Victims of a blaze Monday at Amherst Island in the Magdalens, were Mrs. Edmond Cyr, 28, her daughters, Dorothee, five, Roland, four, and a five-month-old son, Edouard.

The father, Edmond Cyr, is in a critical condition in hospital. A two-year-old daughter, Salange, is in hospital with burns and facial cuts.

The fire is believed to have started when a bottle of gasoline the father was bringing from the cellar for the washing machine motor struck the kitchen stove and exploded.

He managed to push his two-year-old daughter through a window before he collapsed. The mother got as far as the doorstep with her son before she fell.

At Souris, a village on Prince Edward Island's eastern tip, nine families were left homeless and one man was injured in the vicious, five-hour fire that caused an estimated $150,000 damage.

Flames which started in a jail levelled four residential homes, four business establishments and the civic centre containing the jail, town hall, library and fire department. The jail was empty at the time.

All town records were lost in the fire of unknown origin.

John Longraphee is recovering in hospital with undetermined injuries after being hit by a 45-gallon oil drum that flew across the street following an explosion.

LUTHERAN SETTLERS

German immigrants to Halifax and Lunenburg, N.S., established the first Lutheran settlements in Canada in 1749.

GARDEN CHAIR SALE Standard Furniture

Sweet Music Hath Charms

TORONTO (UPI)—Radio station CKEY played hillbilly records and "sweet" dance tunes yesterday past a 1.30 p.m. deadline threat to bomb the station for not playing enough rock 'n' roll music and ignoring Elvis Presley.

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